

House of Representatives

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1963

The House met at 12 o'clock noon. Dr. William Harry Moore, executive secretary, South Georgia Methodist Home for the Aging, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our gracious Heavenly Father: We pause in the very beginning of the deliberations of this day to ask Thy guidance and Thy leadership in all that we shall do and say.

We come this morning remembering that Thou hast led us throughout all the days of the life of this Nation and brought us into this good hour.

We pray that Thou wilt give us Thy grace to keep and sustain us. Bless this Nation of ours. May it be a nation of honest industry, sound learning, and pure religion. We pray Thy blessing upon Thy servant, the President of the United States, and all of those who are in authority over us and under Thee.

Bless these men and women into whose hands has been placed the responsibility of government. May they be men of wisdom and of understanding, and in these days through which we pass preserve our liberties, keep our unity, save us from violence and discord and disharmony, and out of these hours may we move into the land of promise and peace that Thou hast promised to us, Thy children.

Bless this Nation of ours, each home, from the smallest hamlet to the greatest city. May Thy name be honored and hallowed in every home, and may Thy spirit live within our hearts.

These things we ask in Thy name and for Thy sake. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, August 15, 1963, was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H. R. 7043 An act to amend the act of March 2, 1911, to provide that certain proceedings of the Veterans of World War I of the United States Inc., shall be printed as a House document, and for other purposes; and H. Con. Res. 194 Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of additional copies of the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1703 An act to amend title V of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, and for other purposes.

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The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3872, entitled "An act to increase the lending authority of the Export-Import Bank of Washington, to extend the period within which the Export-Import Bank of Washington may exercise its functions, and for other purposes."

Cuba file

FREE WORLD AND RUSSIAN SHIPPING TO CUBA

Mr. ROGERS of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, latest figures on free world and Russian shipping to Cuba show that our allies' ships are continuing to outnumber Russian ships by a substantial margin. The Congress should be aware of these figures, as well as the American people. Most recent reports from the Maritime Administration and Naval Intelligence show the following:

Shipping to Cuba

	Free world	Russian
JANUARY.....	12	38
FEBRUARY.....	19	34
MARCH.....	28	32
APRIL.....	37	27
MAY.....	44	38
JUNE.....	43	31
JULY (incomplete).....	28	23

From these figures can be seen that free world shipping is not on the wane, but rather on the continual upswing. It would seem that these free world countries who yearly expect U.S. foreign aid and who yearly, I might add, receive this aid, would lend an ear to the U.S. requests for an effective ban on Cuban trade. A case in point is Greece. In fiscal year 1962, the United States provided \$82.2 million in foreign aid for Greece. Of that amount, \$64.1 million were outright grants, and yet Greek ships have made 63 calls on Cuba's ports since the beginning of 1963 in spite of a royal decree issued banning shipping to Cuba by Greek shippers. It is strange that the Greek Government cannot enforce its own decree.

I cannot understand why the United States continues to supply aid to countries who will not support our position of ridding communism from the Western Hemisphere. I would hope that we shall bear this in mind when considering the Foreign Assistance Act of 1963 this week.

Again I call on the United States to take steps to ban trade with Cuba in line with the proposals that I have outlined in my bill, H.R. 7687, which provides that no article shall be transported in inter-

state or foreign commerce to or from the United States aboard vessels of any foreign country which allows any of the vessels under the flag of that country to be used in trade or commerce with Cuba.

Until we effectively cut off trade with Cuba by the free world nations, that Communist cancer shall continue to spread its infection, posing a threat to not only the United States, but to freedom of the whole Western Hemisphere as well.

USE OF CHILDREN IN CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS

Mr. WATSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, in this week's issue of Newsweek there appears a picture of 8 or 10 frightened children, one reportedly only 2 years of age, sitting in the dusty driveway of a Brooklyn construction site attempting to block the entrance of a large dump truck.

While I deplore such action by anyone, this was a most shameful and despicable spectacle.

If their cause is just why would they resort to such cowardly tactics? The subjection of innocent children to such abuse and danger is unpardonable and defies all understanding. Those who would resort to such practices and the cause they represent deserve no consideration. They are the most depraved of humans with a calloused and warped mind. Their barbaric and inhuman tactics are dramatic proof of their impreparedness for the rights they are demanding.

Of even more tragic concern is the report that a group of so-called ministers have promoted the involvement of children and brought them into the picture by design. In fact, the Sunday Washington Star reports a top secret plan, labeled "Camp Freedom," to mobilize 2,000 children for a demonstration. Such action defies the teachings of the Scripture, which they presumably uphold, when Christ said:

He that would offend one of these little ones it is better that a millstone were placed around his neck and he were thrown in the depths of the sea.

Those promoting such schemes deserve neither the title of Christian nor Christian.

Although the control of such actions is not properly a Federal function, I urge State and local governments to enact strong measures prohibiting such practices with severe penalties for parents or other adults promoting such activities. This Nation of civilized people cannot condone these barbaric and racist exhibitions. Even the most avid segregationists